

House Resolution No. 1290

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself through excellence in his chosen field of community banking and finance; and

Whereas, Robert W. Hawkins, an esteemed resident of St. Louis, Missouri, will officially retire from his seat on the Midwest Independent Bank Board of Directors on April 16, 2003, after more than twenty years of unwavering service and dedication; and

Whereas, Robert Hawkins has been diligent in his efforts to successfully fulfill the purpose of the Midwest Independent Bank and its dedication to serve Missouri's independent community bankers as an independent community bank-owned correspondent; and

Whereas, throughout his impressive terms of service as Chairman and member of the Midwest Independent Bank Board of Directors, Robert Hawkins also served as the Chairman of the Board of both the Southern Commercial Bank in St. Louis and the Bank of Hillsboro; and

Whereas, Robert Hawkins looks forward to his future roles as a community banker and active member of the Missouri Independent Bankers Association Board of Directors, of which he is past president and past chairman; and

Whereas, it is entirely fitting and proper that this legislative body should pay tribute to Robert Hawkins, a remarkable individual, dedicated independent community banker, and true professional in his industry who is lauded for his work with and service to the Midwest Independent Bank and Missouri's Independent Community Banks:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join together with the Honorable Thomas A. Villa, Missouri State Representative of the 108th District, in expressing our utmost appreciation to Robert Hawkins for his twenty years of unparalleled service to the Midwest Independent Bank Board of Directors, and in wishing him the long, rewarding retirement he so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Robert W. Hawkins, in honor of his much-deserved retirement.

Offered by _____
Representative Thomas A. Villa
District No. 108

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1290, adopted April 1, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker